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Douglas Blames McGraw for Ending His Baseball Career

BASEBALL WORLD IS ROCKED BY PHIL DOUGLAS SCANDAL AND CHARGE RACE IS 'FIXED'

Landis Deplores Disgrace Coming So Soon After "Hazy Halo" Left by Famous White Sox Fiasco.

McGraw Praised for Action That May Prove Costly and Gives Cardinals, Pirates and Cubs Better Chance.

DOUGLAS BLAMES HIS OUSTING FROM LEAGUE ON MCGRAW

"Knows I Never Threw Game in My Life," Says "Shufflin' Phil."

By Robert Boyd.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 17.—The great national institution of organized baseball is again trembling on its shaky foundation from the effects of the greatest blow since the famous White Sox World's Series scandal of 1919.

When Phil Douglas, famous spitball pitcher of the world's champion Giants, confessed before Manager John McGraw and former Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis here yesterday that he had negotiated with a certain National League player "to go fishing" if he received his price, mar the Giants' chances, and help the player's club with whom he was dickering, he tossed a bombshell into the national game that shall go on record with the famous White Sox case involving Eddie Cicotte, Happy Felsch, Joe Jackson, Buck Weaver et al.

Former Judge K. M. Landis, baseball's supreme commissioner, arrived here from Chicago yesterday morning. He came at the solicitation of the officials of the New York Baseball Club. They were the ones that procured the evidence on "Shufflin' Phil," as he is known in baseball. No doubt the New York officials could have smothered the case if they wanted to, but they refused to take that stand.

President John Heydler of the National League was another of the officials of baseball who visited Pittsburgh the day Douglas was placed on the permanent ineligible list of the New York National League Baseball Club.

Douglas was requested to visit Manager McGraw's room in the Hotel Schenley, where, in the presence of Judge Landis and Secretary James J. Tierney, he openly confessed to all accusations.

He was accused of having stated to another player on a National League club that without his services as a pitcher the Giants could not repeat their pennant winning victory of 1921. He therefore consented to stay out of the game "go fishing," as he expressed it—if the player would dig up the money for him that he demanded. The idea was to impair the chances of the New York club and increase the chances of the club of which the player that Douglas was dickering with was a member.

The evidence that the New York

A Reminder To Vacationists

Obeys the call of Nature and spend a couple of weeks in the mountains or at the seashore. The nerves and muscles will be better for a change of air and environment. For, as one writer, "What transcendent ideals do we owe to the Mountains and the Sea, what sane, healthy thought to the contact with the woods and fields; and how are the gentle traits of human nature forever encouraged in a hard world by the presence of birds and flowers?" The World's "Summer Resorts" announce the places at which one may enjoy the parting Summer days.

1,168 World "Summer Resorts" Last Week 821 More Than Any Other New York Newspaper

For the Best Place to Spend a Vacation, Read World "Summer Resorts" Ads.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 17 (United Press).—"Shufflin' Phil" Douglas, famous pitcher, last night laid the blame for his permanent disbarment from organized baseball at the door of John J. McGraw, fiery manager of the Giants.

"I never threw a game in my life," Douglas told the United Press correspondent, "and McGraw knows me well enough to know that I never would do such a thing."

Douglas was found in his room in the Schenley Hotel here, waiting for some one to "loan him enough jack" to leave the city.

"What makes me so mad," said Douglas, weeping, "is that Mac won't even give me my pay. I don't know how I'm going to get out of here unless I get some money, and I'm ashamed to wire my wife."

Asked concerning the letter which league officials declare he wrote to a member of another club, offering to desert the Giants, Douglas said: "Let's forget it. All I want to do is to get out of here."

He alleged that McGraw "had it in for him."

"I knew all along he was going to throw me out," he said. "Here I am without a cent with everybody spotting me as a traitor and a deserter and all that sort of bunk. I'm as innocent as a child."

SOCIETY AT NEWPORT SEES TENNIS MATCHES

Johnson and Kelleher Win in Singles Semi-Finals.

CASINO, NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 17.—Society set aside its forenoon today for the semi-finals of the Casino singles tennis tournament. To the courts came the first families of this fashionable summer colony, one or two motion picture stars and some tennis enthusiasts.

The doubles play was still one round removed from the semi-finals and the final round of this section will be played on Saturday.

Singles Semi-Final Round: W. M. Johnston, San Francisco, defeated Howard O. Kinsey, San Francisco, 6-3, 6-2, and H. G. Kelleher, New York, defeated N. W. Niles, Boston, 7-5, 5-6, 6-3.

CHINESE REPUBLIC VERGES ON COLLAPSE

Military Defies Government, Ministers Decline Duties, Treasury Empty.

PEKING, Aug. 17 (Associated Press).—The attempt to revive popular government in China is on the verge of collapse, according to a survey of conditions brought to the attention of the foreign legations.

Military leaders are openly defying the Government. Cabinet Ministers are refusing to assume the responsibilities of their posts, the Treasury is empty and civil employees, unpaid, have quit their jobs.

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DETECTIVE SURE WIFE FIRED SHOT IN N. J. MURDER

"Open and Shut Case" Against Mrs. Giberson, Ellis Parker Declares.

SEE ANOTHER ARREST.

Accused Woman, Kept From Husband's Funeral, Weeps in Cell.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

TOM'S RIVER, N. J., Aug. 17.—

The first trace of emotion shown by Mrs. Ivy Giberson since her arrest on the charge of murdering her husband, William, at their home in Lakehurst, manifested itself today when her counsel, Judge Jeffrey called on her in the jail and she pleaded with him to obtain permission for her to attend the funeral of Giberson this afternoon. The woman broke down and wept when her counsel advised her that he could not obtain the desired permission and did not think it politic to ask for it.

In a talk with Mrs. Giberson, Judge Jeffrey obtained what he thinks is strong supporting evidence that Giberson, a few hours prior to his death, had dealings with men in the vicinity of his home. It is the contention of Mrs. Giberson that men who knew her husband had a large sum of money entered the house for the purpose of robbing him.

"At about 10 o'clock in the evening," said Judge Jeffrey, "Giberson left the house. He returned in about half an hour carrying a pair of trousers on his arm and told his wife he had taken the trousers as security for a loan of \$2 to a man who wanted to buy some whiskey. Then he went out again."

"Mrs. Giberson was asleep when he returned. He awakened her by turning on the light. It was Giberson's custom to smear his face with talcum powder before retiring. The last his wife saw of him he was powdering his face. I would like to find the man who borrowed money from Giberson and gave a pair of trousers as security."

Ellis Parker, the Burlington County detective, said today that he has finished his work and that the case against Mrs. Giberson is complete.

Detective Parker was strong in his declaration, saying he was sure Mrs. Giberson fired the shot. He pointed to two former occasions when Mrs. Giberson was bound, gagged and robbed, as she claims she had been on Monday, and added that in the latest one investigation has shown that the binding and gagging was an easy matter. The rope was wound around one wrist several times and the other was looped by a slip knot, he said.

"There isn't a thing to this case," said Parker. "Of course, outside of the money Giberson is known to have had, we haven't a motive as yet, but in New Jersey we don't need a motive in homicides. But what more do you want? There's a dead open-and-shut proposition. There were no accomplices and we are convinced that Mrs. Giberson bound herself up."

Mrs. Ivy Giberson, still in jail charged with having shot her husband while he slept, may be questioned today in regard to a new story that has reached the authorities. It is that she was in temporary financial straits last week and tried to borrow \$500 from Wilmer Carr, employed in the Jersey Central car

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PRESIDENT'S SISTER AND HUSBAND IN U. S. JOBS CAUSE PROTEST

Legion Says Veterans Should Get Government Positions.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Resolutions of protest against the continuance in the Government service of Mrs. Caroline Harding Votaw, sister of President Harding, and twelve other women, whose husbands also are in the employ of the Government, were adopted here by American Legion Post No. 1.

The Legionnaire claimed one job in a family was enough, and that the women's places should be given to ex-service men.

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Girl Stowaways as They Returned Aboard Homeric in Tears, Denying They Planned Trip to See Europe



ANNIE MULLEN AND KATHERINE FLEMING.

Caught in Room While "Visiting" Majestic, Young Misses Assert.

Katherine Fleming, fourteen, and Annie Mullen, thirteen, are home again. The two girls who were reported to have stowed away on the Majestic when she left this port on her last trip arrived today on the Homeric, having had the run of the ship on the way home and being the pets of passengers.

Until Quarantine was reached the pair considered their trip just one big lark, but there it dawned upon them that in West 17th Street there was some parental authority to be encountered and reckoned with, and the thought of this caused the voyage to end in tears.

The girls had a different story to tell as to how they came to go away. It was that the pair received a pass to go aboard the Majestic and went, not knowing that she was going to sail that day. In the course of their trip of inspection they got into a wash room and the door closed and they were unable to get out.

Both say they did not know the ship had sailed and when they finally managed to get out of the room they were frightened to find that land was no longer in sight. They denied a statement that they had hidden in a lifeboat or had any intention of stowing away.

On the trip over, after they were taken charge of by the Captain, they turned over to a stewardess, and while they were in the stowage, they had the run of the ship. Passengers who learned of the story made up a purse of \$32.50 that they might have some change to spend while they were kept in Southampton.

Annie Mullen purchased a new dress in England, so that Miss Mullen of No. 419 West Street returns with an imported gown. (Society papers please copy.)

On the return trip Miss Mary Look, designated as matron of the ship, was charged to get out of the room they managed to get out of the room they were frightened to find that land was no longer in sight. They denied a statement that they had hidden in a lifeboat or had any intention of stowing away.

"Never," said the girl in stowage. "When the pier was reached Mr. and Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Mullen came aboard. The girls flew to their mothers, threw their arms about their necks and kissed them. Miss Mullen again took charge of them and a Seelyham puppy one of them had garnered abroad."

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SARAZEN LEADS BOB CRUIKSHANK IN "PRO" GOLF MATCH

Open Champion Is Two Up on Play at the End of Eighteen Holes.

OAKWOOD COUNTRY CLUB.

AUG. 17 (Associated Press).—Gene Sarazen was two up on Bob Cruikshank of Westfield, N. J., at the close of the first eighteen holes in today's semi-final play in the national professional championship, the Emmet French, the Youngstown, O., veteran, had a lead of four holes on John Golden of Tuxedo.

The crowds for the forenoon round

Sarazen—
In 5 4 4 4 4 3 4 3—32
Cruikshank—
In 5 4 5 4 5 3 3 4—37—69
Out 4 5 5 4 2 4 4—36
In 6 4 3 3 3 3 4—35—71
French—
Out 6 4 5 4 3 3 1—36
In 5 4 5 4 4 3 4 5—40—76
Golden—
Out 6 5 6 3 3 3 3—41
In 6 4 5 3 4 5 3 4—39—80
The sun was red hot when Sarazen

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DRYING UP RESULTS NOWHERE GREATER THAN IN NEW YORK

At Least, That's What Commissioner Haynes Says.

Nowhere in the country has there been greater progress in Prohibition enforcement than right here in New York.

No less an authority than National Prohibition Commissioner Roy A. Haynes is responsible for the above statement. He made it this morning while passing through the city to Asbury Park, N. J., where he will address the New Jersey Council of Churches to-night. He has every appearance of sincerity.

Mr. Haynes called the Commissioner of Ralph A. Day "splendid" and complimented the "effective work of Zeno Chief John D. Appleton."

He also said some nice things about editors, scenario writers, playwrights and cartoonists, who had, he explained, responded in a most satisfactory manner to his appeal, when he took office, to help law enforcement.

ASKS HYLAN TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR BUT JOHN F. WON'T PLAY

William R. Could Then Run for Senator and the State Would Be Won.

FAVORS LA GUARDIA

Wants Him to Head the Republicans—Full Text of His Note.

William Randolph Hearst and his little playmate, Mayor John F. Hylan, are in somewhat of a jam. In a statement issued today Mr. Hearst announced that he is willing to be the candidate for United States Senator if the Democrats will nominate Mayor Hylan as the candidate for Governor.

Mayor Hylan, after carefully reading Mr. Hearst's statement, wrecked the combination by stating that he would not run for Governor under any circumstances—not even to get Mr. Hearst on the ticket. And in any event Mr. Hearst's plan is not politically feasible because no convention would stand for the selection of the two leading candidates from New York City. One would have to come from up-State.

"I would not accept a nomination on a State ticket under any circumstances," said Mayor Hylan on his arrival at the City Hall. "The people elected me—hired me by the election—and I am under contract to serve them four years. The people of the State have determined that now is the accepted time for the government of the State to be taken from the hands of the corporate interests and restored to the hands of the people, where it properly belongs. Mr. Hearst should be commended for making a fight along this line."

"Will you support the nominee of the State Convention, no matter who is nominated?" the Mayor was asked.

"I am a regular Democrat," he replied.

"Mr. Hearst intimates that if the Democrats don't give the Progressives a fair representation there may be a fair party," the Mayor was told.

"Well," he said, "I'm a Progressive."

"Do you think Mr. Smith could defeat the Republican nominee?"

"That is for the people of the State to determine."

The Hearst statement in so far as it relates to the candidacy of Messrs. Smith, Hylan and Hearst is as follows:

"While I am not a candidate, I have been mentioned as one; therefore I prefer to make no comment upon Mr. Smith's announcement of his candidacy for the Governorship other than to say that it is a very dignified and very definite expression of his willingness to assume the leadership of the party in the State."

"Mr. Smith is doubtless as well fitted as any man in the State to lead the Democratic Party, if it is to be a conservative party, and dispute with the Republican Party the support of

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BIG UNIONS LAY PEACE PLAN BEFORE HEADS OF 148 RAILROADS; SAID TO INSIST ON OLD JOBS

Leaders of Five Brotherhoods and Committee Representing Executives Begin First Direct Negotiations to End Rail Strike While Other Labor Chiefs Await Outcome.

The question of continuance or settlement of the railroad shopmen's strike was taken up at 2 o'clock this afternoon at a conference at No. 61 Broadway between the executive representatives of 148 railroads and the leaders of the five railway brotherhoods engaged in the operation of trains and not involved in the strike.

The brotherhood leaders volunteered to act as mediators. They are Warren S. Stone of the engineers, L. E. Sheppard of the conductors, W. M. Doak of the trainmen, E. H. Robertson of the firemen and E. C. Cushman of the switchmen.

They held a preliminary meeting this morning and put their propositions in shape for presentation to the executives this afternoon. Mr. Stone said they had not adopted a cut-and-dried programme but would take matters as they came up.

While the conference was in downtown the leaders of the sixteen railroad unions engaged in work not directly associated with the running of trains were waiting informally at the Hotel Woodstock in West 43d Street for a possible call to take part in the deliberations or for news of the result.

The tone of the comment of these leaders was a bit belligerent. It was plain they had directed the brotherhood mediators to firmly insist that if the railroads agree to take the strikers back the seniority rights of those who went out must be restored.

The seniority matter, in fact, appeared to be the only issue about which difference might arise. Several compromise agreements have been formulated by both sides. The predominant element in the committee representing the railroad executives of the "hard boiled" variety that has held out for any compromise but, in view of the statement issued yesterday by the Interstate Commerce Commission that 70 per cent. of the locomotives in the United States require repairs, it was assumed by union observers that even the "hard boiled" railroad presidents might lean toward conciliation.

Union executives who assembled at the Woodstock Hotel were: J. A. Franklin, President of the Patternmakers; Martin F. Ryan, President of the Carmen; James Burns, Vice President of the Sheet Metal Workers; Edward Evans, Vice President of the Electrical Workers; Timothy Healy, President of the Firemen and Oilers; W. D. Heith, President of the Signalmen; Edward Manion, President of the Telegraphers; E. F. Grable, President of the Maintenance of Way Workers, and Richard Dee, Vice President of the Railroad and Steamship Clerks.

Ben M. Jewell, President of the Railway Employees Division of the American Federation of Labor and National Director of the shopmen's strike, joined the gathering this afternoon, coming from Washington.

President William H. Johnston of the machinists was in touch with other leaders but remained in Washington to watch Congressional developments and report them to his associates here.

The brotherhood mediators are not empowered to enter into a settlement agreement with the railroad executives. They are expected to reach a basis of understanding which must be submitted to the Hotel Woodstock group for ratification or rejection. It is understood that the shopmen's representatives will refuse to agree to terms which do not guarantee reinstatement of all strikers who wish to return to work.

The committee of the executives, who met this morning, includes today, besides T. de Witt Cuyler, Chairman, Alfred P. Thom, Vice Chairman and general counsel; Howard Elliot, Chairman of the Northern Pacific Railway Company; H. J. Holden, President of the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company; Julius Kruttschnitt, Chairman of the Southern Pacific line; W. L. Mapother, President of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company; W. W. At-

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check he had written in payment for one given May 24, that the affidavit charging grand larceny was filed against him.

The check, he said, was for \$200. Later, he told Magistrate Simpson, he settled with the restaurant for \$150. He showed a receipt from the treasurer of the Paradise, John Wagner, corroborating his statement.

Reichbach, the complaining witness, did not appear in court today. De-

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